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Honorable John Conyers, Jr. Ranking Member U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 31, 2006 to Director Mueller seeking documents as a follow-up to a briefing provided to Committee staff on March 10, 2006.

We have consulted with Department of Justice officials regarding your request. Please be advised that, consistent with the Department's longstanding position, we are unable to provide documents without a request from the Committee's Chairman.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Robert C. Scott U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary Washington, D.C. 20515